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SUBJ: KGB HARASSMENT OF WEST GERMAN DIPLOMATS IN LENINGRAD

1. STARTING FEBRUARY 5, TWO OFFICERS OF FRG CONSULATE GENERAL IN LENINGRAD HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO DELIBERATE HARASSMENT BY KGB ORGANS. HARASSMENT UNDOUBEDLY TIED TO SHOWING OF FILM OF WEST GERMAN TV OF SOVIET SPY ACTIVITIES IN FRG. HARASSMENT HAS INVOLVED CONSTANT, CLOSE TAILING WITH OSTENTATIOUS FILMING OF TWO WEST GERMAN DIPLOMATS AND THEIR WIVES WHENEVER THEY STEP OUTSIDE RESIDENCES. KNOWN KGB TAILS IN PLAIN CARS AND IN TAXIS LEAN OUT AND TAKE PICTURES WITH BOTH STILL AND MOVIE CAMERAS.

2. MOST INTOLERABLE INSTANCE OF HARASSMENT WAS PROBABLE SABOTAGING OF BRAKES OF FRG CONSUL DIETER BODEN, NUMBER TWO MAN OF CONGEN. BODEN HAD TAKEN HIS NEW VOLVO, RECENTLY INVOLVED IN MINOR REAR COLLISION, TO BE REPAIED AND, UPON PICKING UP CAR AND DRIVING AWAY, DISCOVERED THAT BRAKES WERE TOTALLY GONE.

3. FEG DIPLOMATS PRESENTLY TAKING LOW PROFILE PENDING RESOLUTION OF THIS OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN OF HARASSMENT.

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